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COMMENT OF
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Soft Voices
Or Babel?

THE world awaits with some curiosity and considerable interest the Afro-Asian conference which opens in Bandung next week. Much oratory, some of it inspired by sincere idealism, some a mere masquerade for political propaganda, is assured. But what the conference is likely to achieve defies pronouncement at this stage.

Mr. Nehru, it is predicted, will be the dominant figure at the discussions, yet it must not be forgotten that the formidable personality of Mr. Chou En-lai will also be present, and Mr. Chou is not likely to concede the limelight to the Indian Prime Minister however friendly they may be. The drama of the conference may well revolve around the struggle, cloaked behind soft phrases, between these two men for the leadership at Bandung.

THE Indian delegates are taking with them a statement of policy known as the Five Principles, which are: territorial sovereignty, integrity, non-aggression, non-interference and mutual respect. These are not original precepts for conditioning relations between states. But they can be given, and often have been given, widely differing interpretations. Thus what Mr. Chou means when he verbally subscribes to such principles may, and probably does, differ from what Mr. Nehru means when he extols the same virtues. The Indian Prime Minister believes in them as ideals which must be attained; the Chinese Premier, earthly and "realistic" is more likely to conceive them as useful political expedients, not forgetting, of course, their fine propaganda value.

Between India's neutralism and Communist China's anti-West bombast will come, it is to be hoped, some moderating and sensible contributions from other representatives who appreciate the unreality of the one and the untruthfulness of the other. Japan will be in a strong position to exert some useful influence on the thinking of the conference, and to help keep the discussions within the compass of practical and constructive ideas.

THE bitter subject of colonialism is certain to be given considerable airing. The Iraq delegation have already promised that, and they are assured of vociferous support from the Vietnamese representatives. But colonialism is so obviously, on the way out as an instrument of political policy, that the countries at the Bandung conference which have already been freed from its yoke, can hardly give more than formal lip service to demands which some delegates may make for its total and immediate abolition.

Whatever outward facade is preserved, the conference is not likely to be smooth going. Several countries have already indicated they are attending with hard and fast determination about what they will and will not agree. Thailand has bluntly declared that anything proposed which is outside the framework of the United Nations Charter will forfeit her approval. Communist China, not being a member of UN, and therefore no subscriber to the Charter, can be expected to sneer at any such interpretation of the conference's functions.

The voices of the Afro-Asian nations are going to be heard, but it will come as no surprise if they sound like a tower of Babel.

U.S. ACCUSED OF 'MURDER PLOT'



Hongkong 'Responsible' CHINA DEMANDS PUNISHMENT OF CHIANG, AMERICAN AGENTS

London, Apr. 12.

Communist China tonight accused United States agents of causing the crash of an Indian airliner in the South China Sea on Monday and said it held British authorities in Hongkong responsible.

Eight Chinese officials were aboard the plane en route to the Afro-Asian Conference in Bandung, Indonesia. The plane crashed on its way from Hongkong to Djakarta.

The New China News Agency quoting a Foreign Ministry statement described the crash as a "murder" plotted by American and Chinese Nationalist agents.

It demanded that British authorities in Hongkong make a thorough investigation and "punish according to law the secret agents which took part in this plot."

The Ministry said the crash was "by no means a common aircraft accident, but is murder deliberately engineered by a secret agent organisation of the United States and Chiang Kai-shek."

The agency claimed that before the plane took off the Chinese Government learned there was a plot to sabotage it. Last Monday the matter was brought to the attention of the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking and he was asked to have the British authorities in Hongkong take counter measures.

"After enquiring and learning which air company owned this plane," the British Charge

d'Affaires promised to notify the British authorities in Hongkong by cable," it added.

"Nevertheless secret agent organisations of the United States and Chiang Kai-shek succeeded in the plot."

"The British authorities in Hongkong have a serious responsibility for the unfortunate incident," the agency declared.

"We demand that the British Government and the British authorities in Hongkong conduct a thorough investigation into this incident and arrest and punish according to law the secret agents which took part in this sinister plot."

It said the object of the plot was "to murder members of the Chinese delegation headed by Premier Chou En-lai and sabotage the Asian-African conference."

The agency declared that the conference "cannot be obstructed or sabotaged" by the work of agents and that the result instead would be to strengthen "united action of the peoples of Asia, Africa and the whole world to win peace and freedom."

The plane, an Air India Constellation, carried eleven passengers and a crew of seven. It crashed about 100 miles north of Kuching, Sarawak. Six survivors have been picked up.

The agency identified the passengers as Shih Chih Ang, Li Chao Chi and Chung Pu Yun, staff members of the Chinese delegation; Shen Chien Tu, Hwang Tso Mei, Tu Hsing Li, Ping and Ho Feng Ke, all correspondents; Yuang Ming Piuming, staff member of the North Vietnamese delegation to Bandung; and Ereni Staritz and Frederick Jensen. It said Staritz was a Polish correspondent and Jensen an Austrian.

The British Naval frigate Dampier recommended her search at first light this morning for survivors of the Air India Constellation.

A naval spokesman confirmed Dampier had three survivors aboard: Captain M.C. Dixie, co-pilot, the Flight-Navigator J.C. Karak and ground engineer A.S. Sarak. Karak was travelling as a passenger.

But there was no confirmation here early this morning of reports that three other survivors, suffering from serious injuries had been picked up by another vessel.

A naval spokesman here said three survivors aboard the Dampier were all suffering from about their injuries were light.—Reuter.

India To Launch Investigation
New Delhi, Apr. 12.
The Indian Government published a communique today in which it expressed its sorrow for the accident which occurred when an Air India Constellation airliner crashed into the sea off the coast of Borneo yesterday with 18 people aboard.

The communique said the government wished to express its profound sympathy to the parents of the crash victims and to the governments of the countries to which they belonged.

The communique said a committee would be set up to investigate the accident, which it said "occurred on the high seas."

So far only three surviving crew members have been rescued.

Pictured above is a Constellation similar to the one that crashed

State Department Says: Outrageous Suggestion

Washington, Apr. 12.
A State Department spokesman said today the Chinese Communists were making "an outrageous suggestion" in accusing the United States and the Nationalists of responsibility for the crash of an Air India Constellation airliner.

The spokesman in Washington said: "There is not the slightest foundation in the world for such an outrageous suggestion."

In London the British Foreign Office said tonight it was awaiting a full official report from Hongkong before commenting on the Chinese charge that Communist agents sabotaged the airliner.

Diplomatic observers ridiculed the charge that the crash was due to American agents working in Hongkong.—Reuter.

HK Govt Reveals Precautions At Kai Tak

The Government of Hongkong was informed over the week-end in a telegram from H.M. Charge d'Affaires at Peking that the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs had received information that trouble might be made by Chinese Nationalist sympathisers for a group of journalists leaving Hongkong for the Bandung Conference by an Air India International plane.

The Government was requested to take appropriate precautions.

It was added that the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs believed that the New China News Agency in Hongkong would know where the journalists were staying and the time of their departure.

During the morning of Monday, April 11 a representative of the New China News Agency telephoned a senior Police officer to inform him that eleven journalists and a Vietnamese delegate would be travelling by an Air India aircraft leaving Hongkong early that afternoon.

This aircraft had been chartered on behalf of the party by the China Travel Service office in Hongkong.

NO MENTION
No mention was made by the New China News Agency representative either then or later of any suspicion of trouble and the communication was made in a routine manner to which the Hongkong authorities are now well accustomed.

But in the light of the message from the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, steps were taken to provide extra security measures.

The plane came in on a scheduled flight from India a few minutes after noon and was due to take off shortly after 1 p.m.

Additional Police precautions were taken to ensure that the party was not molested at the airport.

During the time the plane was here, it was under Police guard under the command of an Inspector and no unauthorised person was allowed, or attempted to approach or board it.

REMAINED ON BOARD
The Manager and other officials of Air India and crew members of the plane were present and supervised every aspect of re-belling and servicing.

A member of the crew remained on board throughout. The actual handling of the luggage and passengers was done under the supervision of China Travel Service and senior officials of Air India.

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DULLES' PLAN FOR FORMOSA SETTLEMENT

Washington, Apr. 12.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, under public pressure from Mr. Adlai Stevenson today lifted slightly the heavy curtain of secrecy surrounding American efforts to bring about a peaceful Formosan settlement.

He identified the proposals made last night by the former Democratic Presidential candidate as "the very approaches" which the United States Government is "actively exploring."

The carefully-prepared statement which Mr. Dulles volunteered to his press conference gave a deeper international significance to the Formosan peace plan of Mr. Stevenson. In effect that plan provided for:

1. The United States, its allies, the "uncommitted states" and possibly the United Nations General Assembly to guarantee Formosa against attack pending some final settlement.
2. Nationalist China to abandon their reliance on the islands of Quemoy and Matsu on the grounds that the international guarantee would make them no longer essential for the defence of Formosa.
3. The United Nations to decide the permanent future of Formosa.

The Stevenson plan bears many similarities to proposals believed to have been put forward first by the British Government. These were discussed by Mr. Dulles with the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, during his recent visit to Washington.

Mr. Dulles did not take issue with any of Mr. Stevenson's suggestions and publicly accepted them as worthy of active exploration.

He gave some support to the idea of a joint guarantee on Formosa in a guarded reference to the fact that the United States was seeking "more free world support" for the defence of Formosa.

He acknowledged that Quemoy and Matsu might not be indispensable.

He reiterated the United States desire for a "United Nations ceasefire" and a peaceful rather than a war-like settlement.—Reuter.

Lightning Bolt Hits Crowded Church

Five Dead; 50 Injured

Rome, Apr. 12.

A lightning bolt crashed into a crowd of 5,000 Italians at a Catholic shrine near Avellino today. Five people were killed and at least 50 were injured.

The pilgrims were worshipping at the Shrine of the Crowned Virgin in the little mountain village of Montoro Superiore and, about 60 miles inland from Naples. They came from more than a dozen surrounding villages for an annual Easter ceremony.

Eye-witnesses said lightning struck the bell tower of the shrine, ripped downward into the church's nave and crashed through the crowd.

There was a moment of awestruck silence, and then panic. Men, women and children rushed for the door, pushing and trampling each other in their fright.

A large crowd outside the church added to the confusion. The victims included two 13-year-old boys, a boy and a girl of 17 and a 23-year-old man.

At least 50 people suffered lightning burns or were injured in the scramble.—United Press.

MASS ARRESTS IN EAST GERMANY Round-up Of 521 Agents

Berlin, Apr. 12.

East Germany tonight announced 521 recent arrests of alleged agents working for Britain and America and threatened measures which would have "undesirable consequences" for West Berliners.

Espionage centres had considerably increased their activities since ratification of the Paris treaties to return West Germany, the Government said in a declaration published by the East German News Agency ADN.

These activities were doing "severe damage to the population and cannot remain unanswered," it said. "They endanger the

security of the (East) German Democratic Republic."

It demanded "immediate dissolution of all espionage and sabotage organisations in West Berlin."

Frequent similar demands have been made by the Soviet authorities in past years, but Western allied authorities have insisted that the anti-Communist groups confine themselves to propaganda activities.

East Germany's declaration said the State Security police had recently smashed a large number of espionage and terror groups.—Reuter.

Hit High Tension Wires And Lived!

Ipswich, Apr. 12.

An American pilot flew a Lockheed Shooting Star jet fighter-bomber through five high tension cables, each carrying 132,000 volts, today—and lived.

The pilot, 1st Lieutenant R. L. Johnson of the 87th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, was flying between 100 and 200 p.m. as he was swooping in to land at the United States Air Force base at Bentwaters, near here.

His wing clipped the lower cables. There was a vivid white flash. The live wires fell sizzling to the ground setting grassland afire. Parts of Ipswich were cut off from power supplies. Johnson flew on, landed safely. He climbed unhurt from his machine, which suffered "very minor damage."—China Mail Special.

Eight Killed In Fire

New York, Apr. 12.

At least eight people were burned to death today when flames destroyed a three-story business-apartment building in Saratoga Springs.

Seven victims were members of one family. They were Gilbert Ahmed, 42, his wife Madeline, and their five children—three boys and two girls—ranging in age from five to 16 years.

One other body also was found in the ruins, firemen said. It was not immediately identified.—United Press.

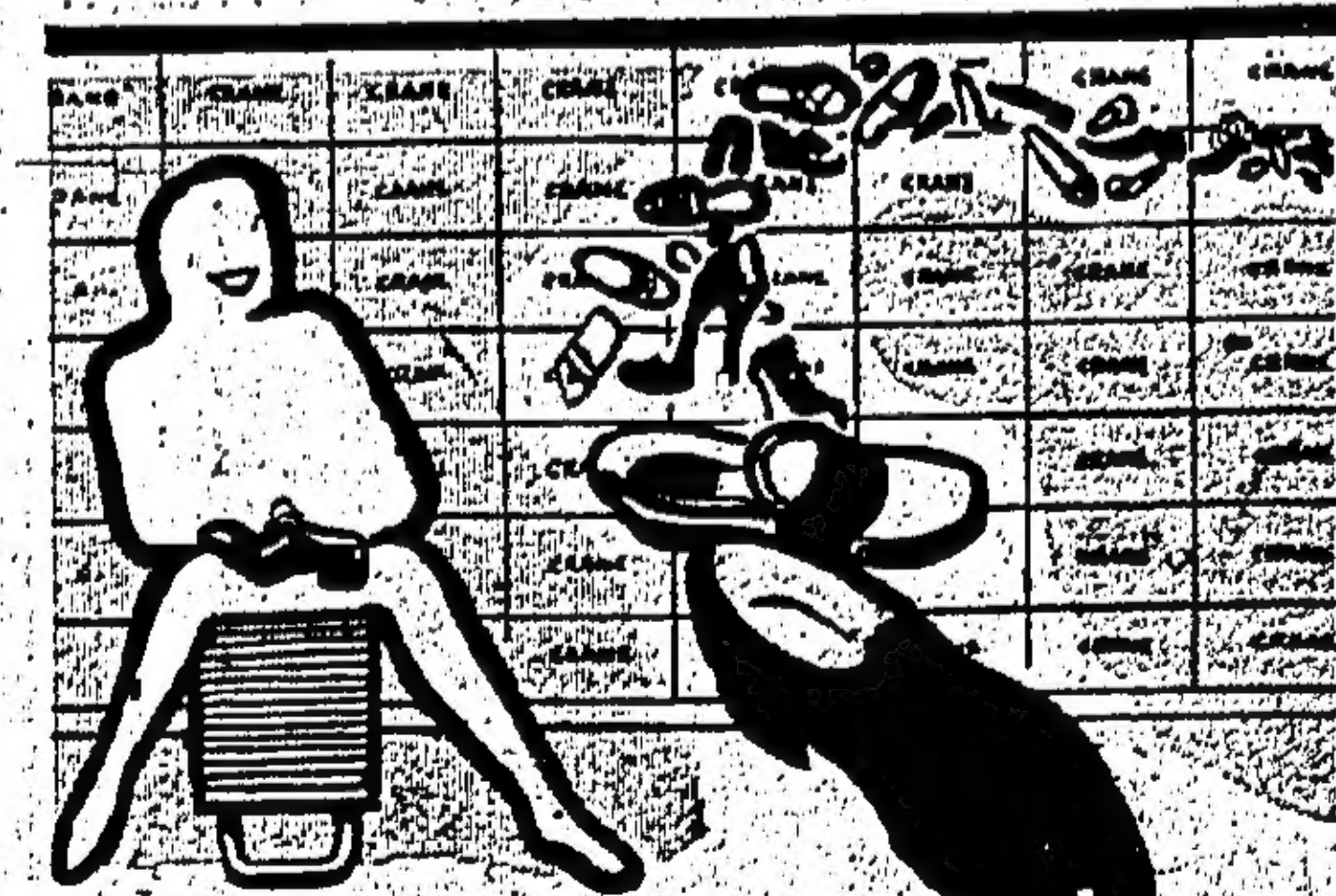
LYNCHED FOR WITCHCRAFT

Paris, Apr. 12.

Two farmers accused of witchcraft were hanged by peasants on Juncos Public Square, 120 miles from Queretaro, Mexico.

The hanging was only known a week later when about 30 persons considered as responsible for it were brought under strong escort to Queretaro gaol.

Two brothers, Alfredo and Martiniano Sanchez, who were running a farm near Juncos, and against whom existed certain grudges, were publicly accused of "casting spells." Excited peasants decided to try them then and there and sentenced the two brothers to death. They were hanged immediately on trees in the public square.—France Press.



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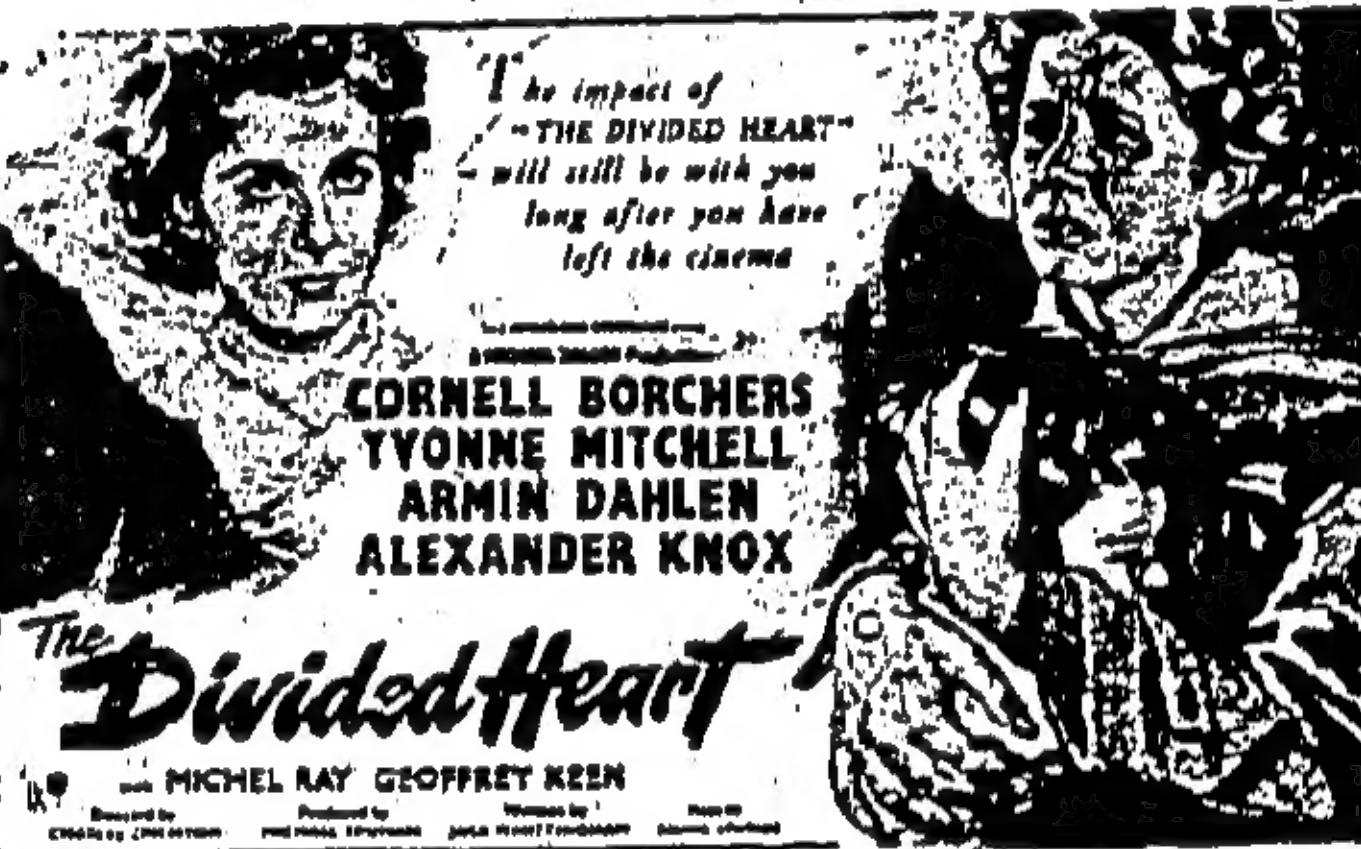
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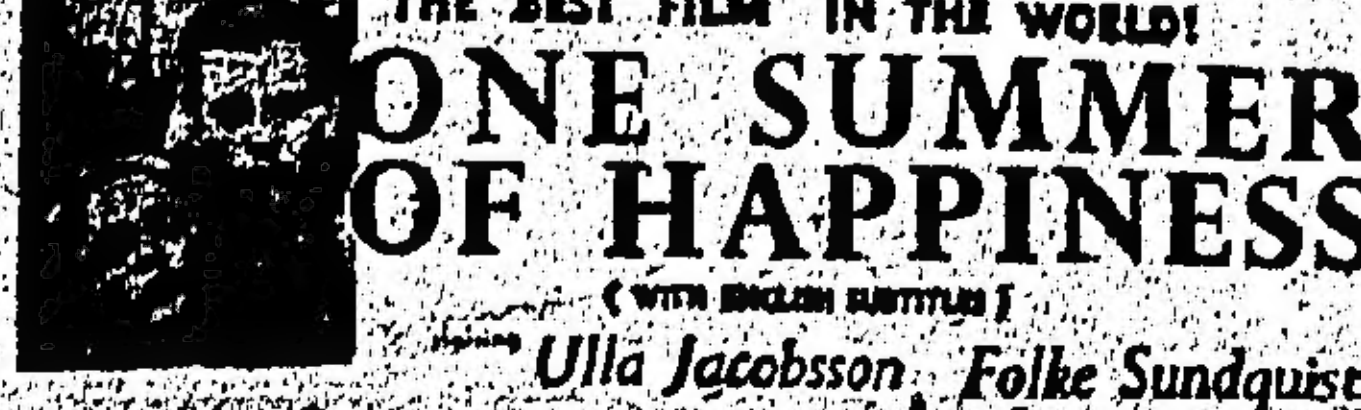


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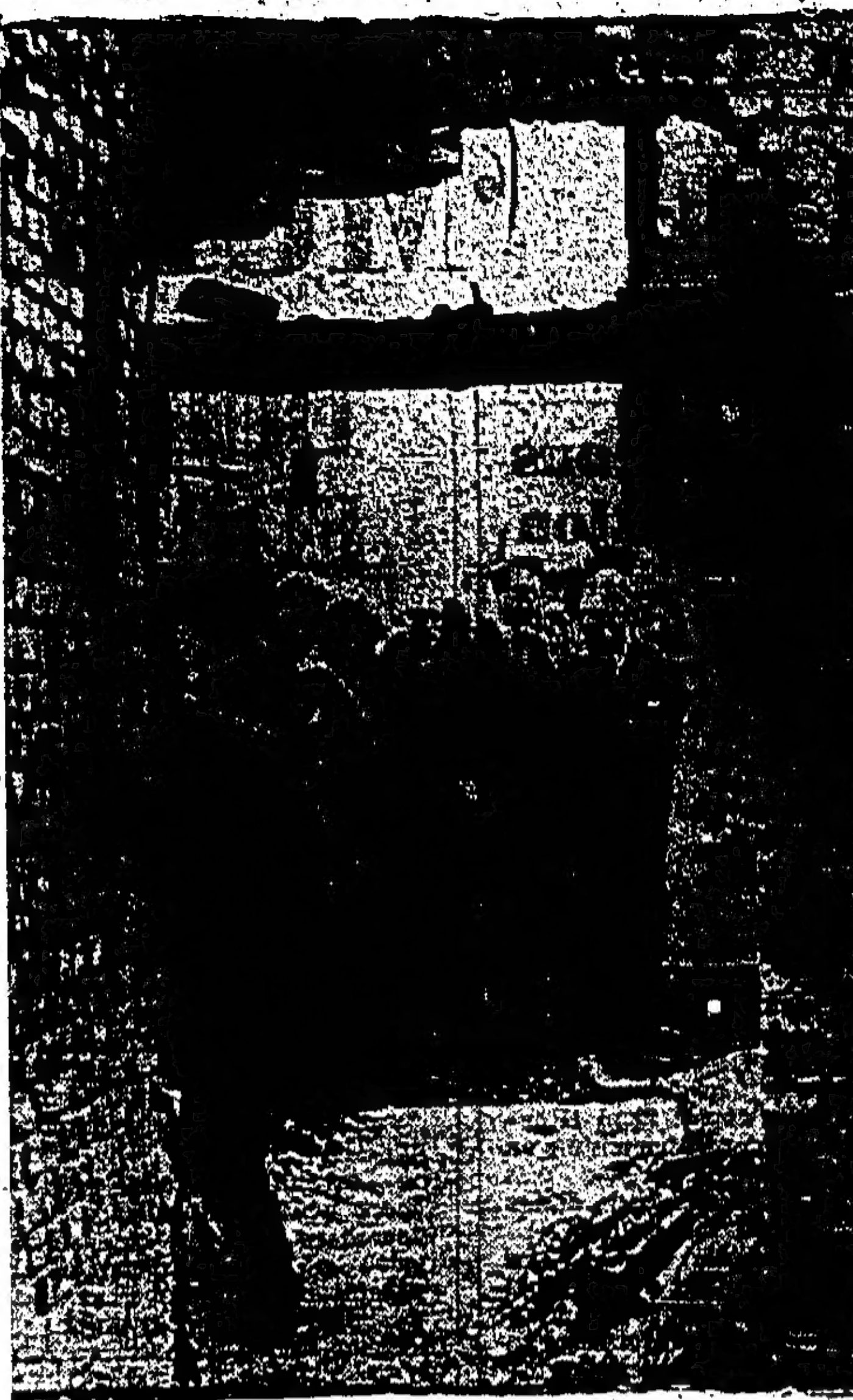
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39 Killed In Cinema Blaze



King Baudouin of Belgium (tallest in centre) is seen here inspecting the ruins of a cinema in Scheldt near Liege, Belgium. Thirty-nine people, including 18 children, were killed when a disastrous fire swept through the cinema. Scores more were injured in one of Belgium's worst peace-time tragedies. —Express Photo.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

Pakistan Cabinet Postpones Action

Karachi, Apr. 12.

The Pakistan Cabinet after a two and a quarter hours emergency meeting tonight decided to postpone action to meet the new legal and constitutional crisis in the country.

Earlier in the day the Federal Court ruled that the Governor-General, Mr Ghulam Mohammed, had no authority to validate laws of the Constituent Assembly under emergency powers assumed by him on March 27.

These laws had previously been held invalid because they did not carry the Governor-General's signature.

Before the Cabinet meeting, a Government spokesman said that the Governor-General would issue an ordinance tonight to prevent a breakdown of governmental machinery resulting from this ruling.

CAREFUL STUDY

But after the meeting it was authoritatively stated that the Government did not intend to take any precipitate action and a final decision would be made only after the situation had been "fully and carefully considered" by the whole Cabinet.

Another Cabinet meeting has been called for tomorrow.

5 Executed In Hungary

Paris, Apr. 12.

Radio Budapest announced tonight that five persons have been executed after being found guilty by a Budapest Tribunal of "conspiring to restore" the old feudal capitalist system in Hungary.

The broadcast said that another 10 people were given prison sentences ranging from nine to 14 years for complicity.

The ring leader of the movement was Joseph Viola, a former Member of Parliament who, Radio Budapest claimed, was preparing to declare himself the Regent and form a new government.

The convicted men were all said to have confessed to their crimes which included being in touch with the U.S. possessing arms and munitions, and possession of thousands of tracts for inciting the peasants to revolt. —France-Press.

Attack On Germany Would Prove "Very Costly"

Bonn, Apr. 12.

Any attack launched now against West Germany would prove very costly for the aggressor, Lt-General Anthony McAuliffe, Commander-in-Chief of American Forces in Germany, declared here today.

There is no comparison, said Gen. McAuliffe, speaking to a luncheon of foreign newsmen, between the single police brigade scattered along West Germany's eastern border and capable only of withdrawing to defend the left bank of the Rhine in 1950, and current American ground forces.

New, he said, there are four infantry divisions and one armoured division, three motorised cavalry regiments and an armoured group including three battalions of medium-powered tanks, and anti-aircraft brigade, and several battalions of reinforcement artillery. All units have their own combat forces.

PREDICTION

By the end of 1955, there will be two more infantry divisions, two armoured divisions, and an airborne division, Gen. McAuliffe predicted.

The present American strength would not, however, be enough to defend West Germany against a wide-spread attack, the General continued, but it is enough to defend every inch of land now occupied.

And he added, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) forces has said that NATO

strength has increased to three or four times what it was four years ago.

American strategy, he said, calls for a defence of West Germany and the Far East as



GEN. A. McAULIFFE

though the mobility of modern warfare does not permit a fixed line of defence. Ideally, in an atomic war, the most effective kind of unit would be an airborne division which could be dropped on rough terrain, said the General. —France-Press.

These Wrens Will Never Get Seasick

Ottawa, Apr. 12.

Canada will shortly become the first Commonwealth country to establish "Wrens" as part of the regular force of the Navy. For the first time in the history of Her Majesty's navies, Wrens will be "regulars" instead of forming part of the Reserve or auxiliary forces.

The new component of the Royal Canadian Navy will comprise 35 officers and 365 Wrens, with preference given to women who have already served in the Navy, while retaining reserve status.

The Wrens will do traditional women's jobs such as acting as cooks and looking after victuals and stores. But they will also do technical jobs such as highly skilled instrument repairing, working on the degaussing range and seaward defence, involving Asdic. Wrens will do radar plotting, photography, radio telegraphy, X-ray and laboratory work.

SAME REGULATIONS

As "regulars" the women will be subject to the same rules and regulations as the men and receive the same basic pay. The new unit is to be under the command of a veteran of Canada's Wren reserve, Commander Isabel J. Macneil, OBE, of Oak, Ontario, who was Officer in Command of HMCS Cornwallis, a Wren training ship during the war, when 6,000 women were trained under her practised eye.

After the war, Miss Macneil, who is handsome, with red, curly hair, became head of the Ontario Training School for Girls. She has now been called back to the Navy to become Staff Officer (Wrens) to the Chief of Naval Personnel at Naval Headquarters Ottawa.

The Royal Canadian Navy is adamant about one thing: that the Wrens will "never go to sea." —China Mail Special.

No Invitation To Iran

Tehran, Apr. 12.

The Acting Premier, Mr Abdolkarim Entezam, today denied reports that Iran had been invited to join the Turco-Pakistani pact.

He said that the question had not yet been studied by the Iranian Government. Mr Entezam said that statements by Prime Minister, Mr Hussein Ala, to the Press in Beirut had been misunderstood as the Premier had not said Iran had been invited to join the pact. —United Press.

Shakespeare Into Arabic

Cairo, Apr. 12.

Egypt's Premier, Lt-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, has asked Doctor Taha Hussein, leading Egyptian blind scholar, to supervise the translation of foreign classics into Arabic.

Sorbonne-graduate Taha Hussein said recently it was his ambition to edit a really good Arabic translation of the complete works of Shakespeare. About 250,000 have been allocated for the setting up of a special permanent council which will translate English, French and German masterpieces in literature into Arabic. —China Mail Special.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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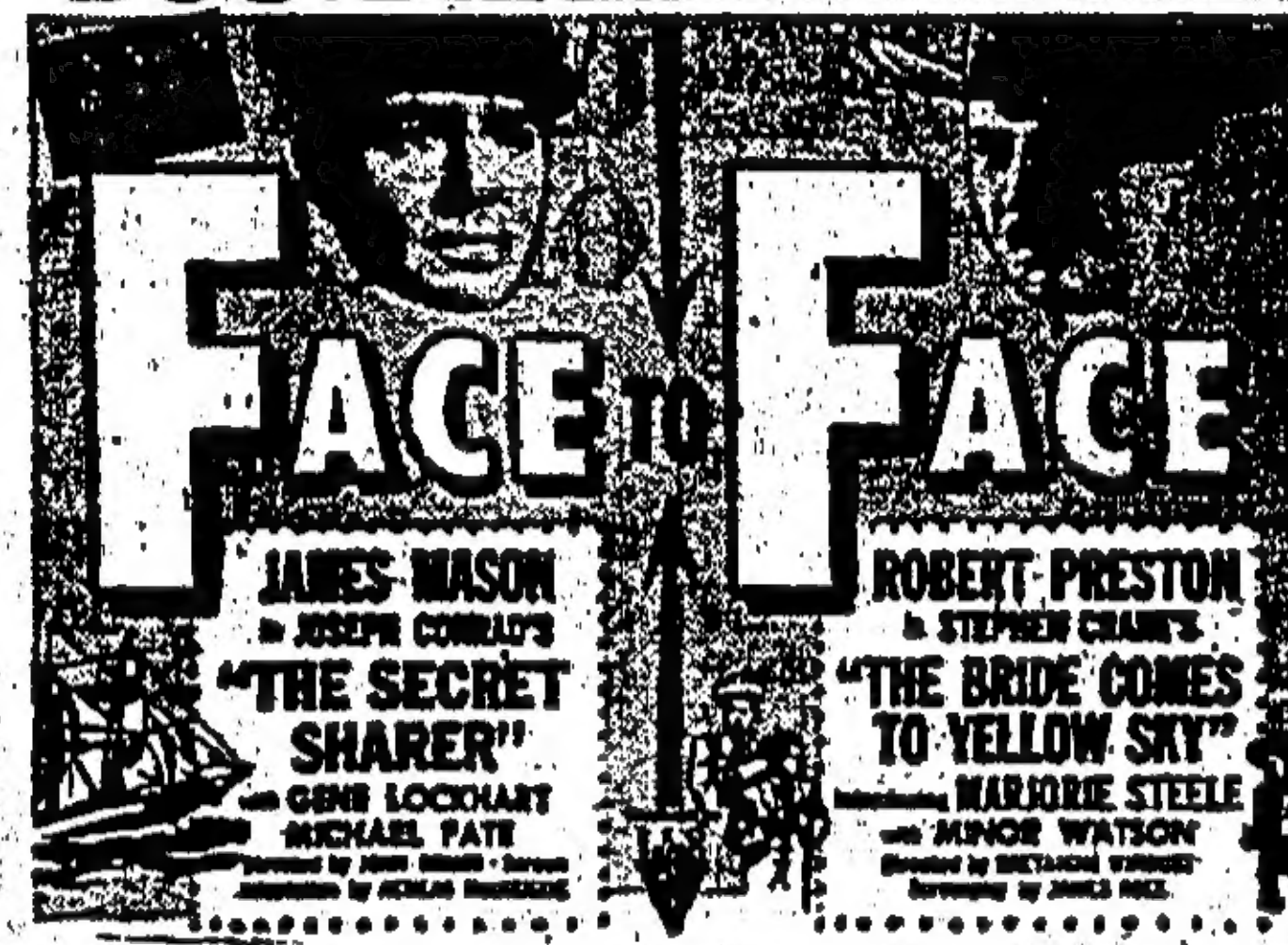


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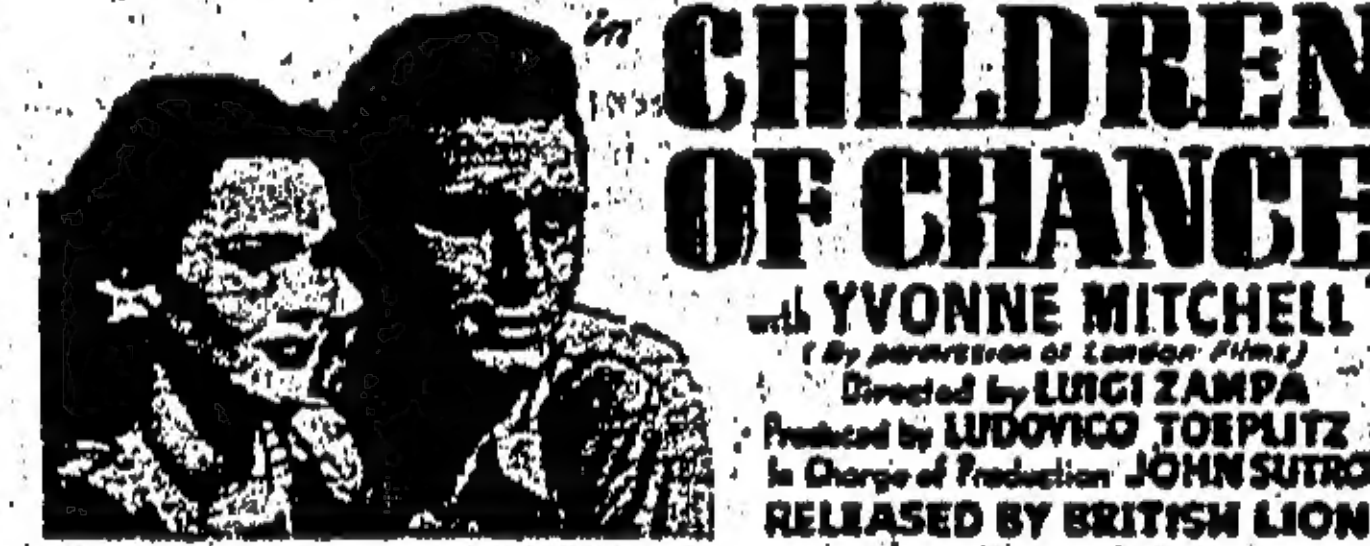
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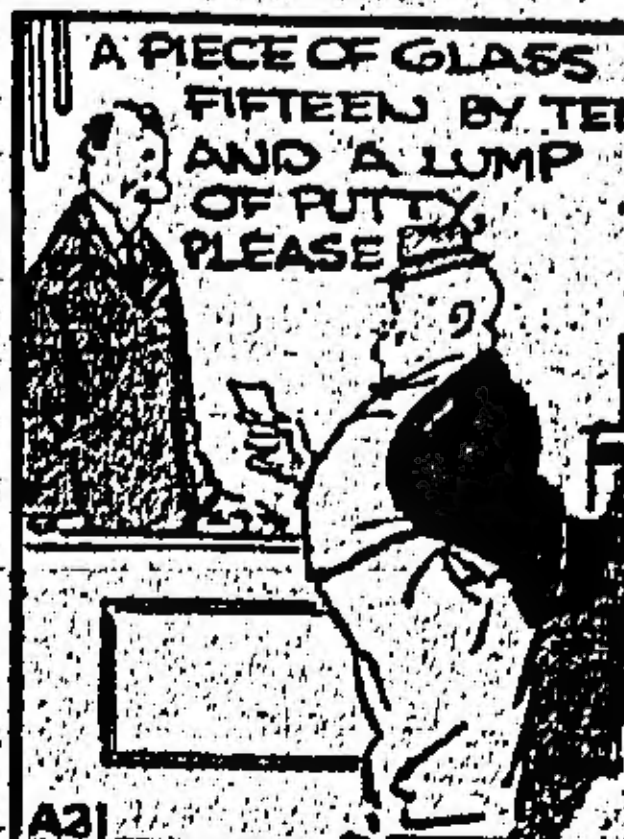
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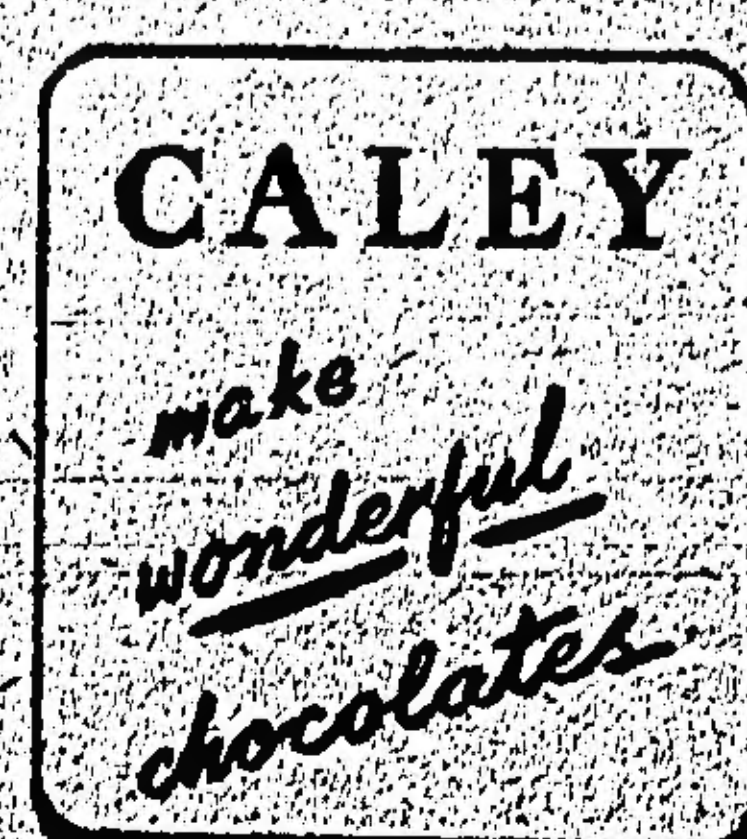
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Makarios To Campaign For Enosis



ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS

DANGERS FACING FEMALE IMMIGRANTS

London, Apr. 12. The Chairman of a London Juvenile Court today asked that immigration officials attend a hearing in a fortnight's time so that they could learn of the "frightful dangers" facing girl immigrants from Jamaica.

The Chairman, Mr. Hugh Parsons, was referring to the case of a 16-year-old Jamaican said to have gone to live with a man immediately she arrived in London a month ago. Her name, as a juvenile, was not revealed.

"I am dissatisfied with what is happening as far as the immigration of these girls is concerned," he said. "Clearly it is open to the most frightful dangers and I can see serious repercussions."

A policeman told the court today that she had gone with the girl's stepfather to a house in North London and found the girl living with a number of men. The girl refused to leave saying that her father himself lived in one room with four other men.

TOOK HER AWAY
The stepfather said that a man he knew met the girl and her cousin at the London railway terminus on their arrival and took her "straight away" to a London house. The cousin came to live with him.

He admitted that other men did live in the same room, but his daughter could have had a separate room upstairs.

The girl said her mother sent her to England because she thought "I might make some money."

On arrival she had told Customs officials she was going to be a nurse and this was accepted.

Mr. Parsons, finding the girl in need of care and protection, remanded her for a medical report. He commented: "I have never heard anything like it."

—China Mail Special.

At Bandung INVITED TO TALKS AS AN 'OFFICIAL VISITOR'

Nicosia, Apr. 12. Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Enosis (union with Greece) campaign, will fly to Indonesia tomorrow (Wednesday) to attend the Afro-Asian conference in Bandung as an "official visitor," it was announced today.

A statement issued by Archbishop Makarios said he would establish contacts with various delegations and conduct a campaign in connection with the Cyprus question.

In New Delhi the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, Sardar Mohammad Naim Khan, said today his country would not raise its dispute with Pakistan over the tribal areas on the Northwest Frontier at the conference.

ON WAY
Sardar Mohammad Naim Khan was talking to reporters on his arrival here for a three-day visit to India on his way to Bandung.

The dispute of whether the border tribal areas should be

Pakistan And India Solve Border Problems

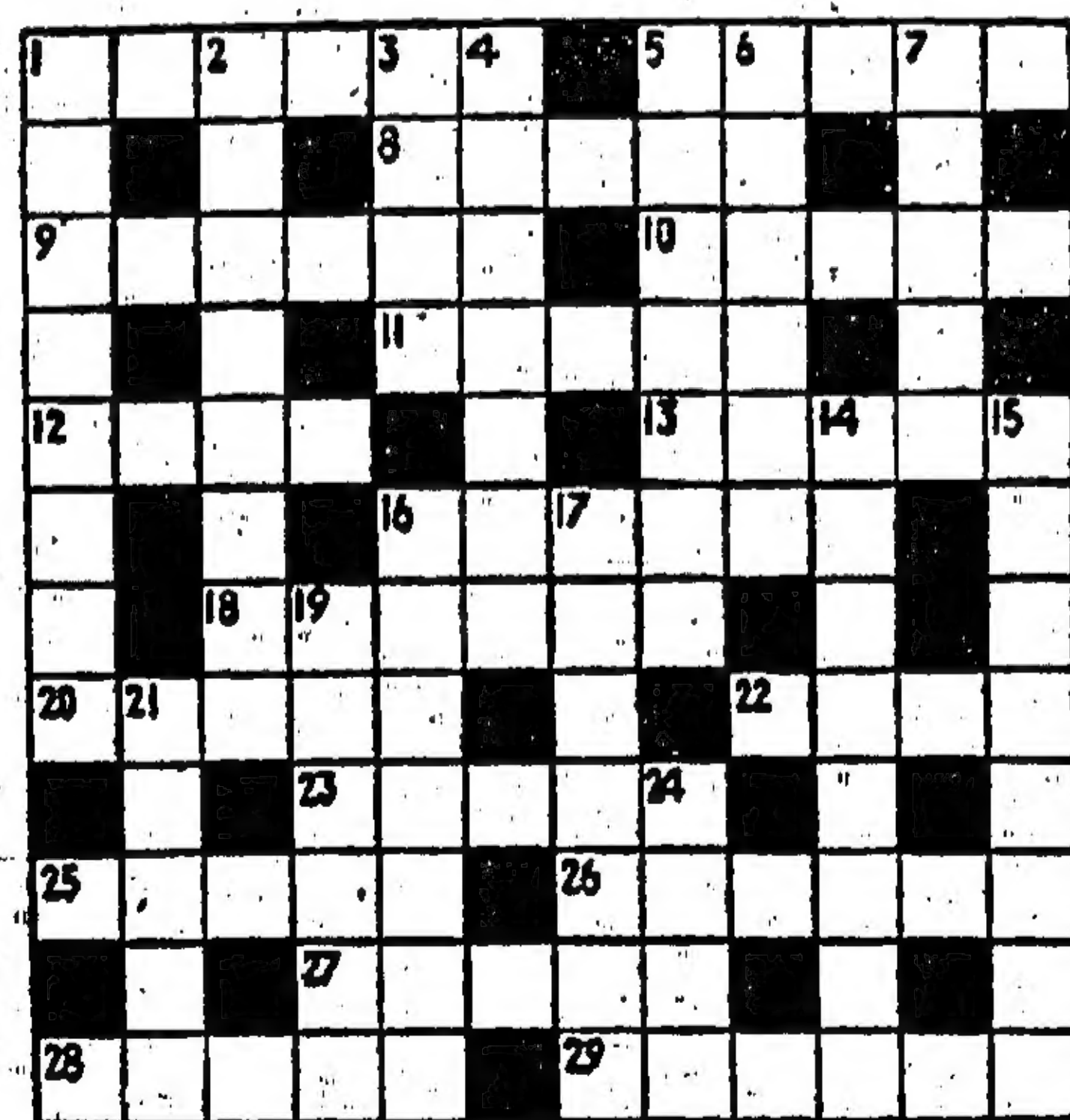
Karachi, Apr. 12. THE Pakistani Government today announced an agreement with India on communication and frontier problems between the two countries. All railroads will be reopened to traffic in the next two months.

The through train from Lahore to Calcutta will start again as soon as possible and goods traffic will now be able to cross the frontiers which had been closed to railways since the formation of the two separate countries in 1947.

Agreement has also been reached on the establishment of check posts and authorized routes for passing the border. This, it was thought, will eliminate the unofficial passing from India to Pakistan and the contrary by refugees from the respective countries. —France-Press.

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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Tumult (5)
 5. Indecision (5)
 8. Measuring apparatus (5)
 9. Rebound (5)
 10. Boundary (5)
 11. Challenges (5)
 12. Change direction (4)
 13. Proposal of health (5)
 14. Take ill (5)
 15. Does business (5)
 16. Mount (5)
 17. Heap (4)
 18. Ancestress (5)
 19. Brown pigment (5)
 20. Vigorous (5)
 21. Harden (5)
 22. Condition (5)
 23. Protect (5)

- DOWN**
1. Straightens out (8)
 2. Fashion anew (8)
 3. Among (4)
 4. Told (7)
 5. Expunges (7)
 6. Prayer (5)
 7. Eistasy (5)
 8. Pose (8)
 9. Specially gifted (8)
 10. Enit (7)
 11. Cut apart (7)
 12. Oppose (6)
 13. Entertain (5)
 14. Solitary (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Spot, 7 Tally, 8 Exit, 9 Koen, 10 Pungent, 12 Dial, 15 Arope, 18 Gnat, 19 Daisy, 21 Loris, 22 Ribs, 23 Elkie, 26 Duds, 29 Upstart, 30 Ears, 31 Tear, 32 Remit, 33 Fude, Down: 1 Vague, 2 Elegent, 4 Poets, 5 Tend, 6 Diva, 9 Knot, 11 Drase, 13 Iris, 14 Lays, 16 Edits, 17 Gad, 18 Gold, 20 Abetted, 22 Rips, 24 Lurid, 25 Frail, 27 Uces, 28 Serf.

German Lufthansa Back In Service



RACIAL BARS IN SOUTHERN STATE SCHOOLS

Washington, Apr. 12. Mr. Thurgood Marshall, chief lawyer for Negro groups, told the Supreme Court today he has "no doubt whatsoever" the South would obey an order to integrate public schools immediately. The Negro attorney challenged the claim of Virginia and South Carolina that a great deal of time is needed to end segregation.

Four Man Mau Recaptured

Nairobi, Apr. 12. Four of 19 Mau Mau detainees, who escaped from Manyani Camp between here and Mombasa on Sunday, have been recaptured, police announced today. Police believe the remaining 15 men have split up into small parties and think they know the area of wild country in which they are hiding. Fifteen more terrorists have surrendered in the past 24 hours, it was officially announced. —Reuter.

Big 3 Foreign Ministers Meet In May

London, Apr. 12. The Western Big Three Foreign Ministers will probably meet about the second week of May at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council meeting in Paris, informed sources said here today.

These sources said the definite date of the Council meeting probably will not be set until Denmark and the Netherlands finish ratifying the Paris agreements and the instruments of ratification are deposited in the various capitals concerned. —France-Press.

QUEEN WILL TAKE SALUTE

London, Apr. 12. The Queen will take the salute from the balcony of Buckingham Palace, London, on Thursday, June 9, at a Royal Air Force flypast to mark her official birthday.

Earlier she will attend the traditional trooping of the colour on the nearby Horse Guards parade. —China Mail Special.

Dogs Out-Sniffed By Man

Paris, Apr. 12. IN its latest issue, the weekly Stern, published in Hamburg, showed a photograph of a man on all fours, sniffing the ground "behind a tree" under the eyes of a policeman.

The caption said the man on the picture, was more efficient than police dogs for tracking a criminal. He is not a phenomenon, half-man and half-beast, but a normal individual.

The man was transported in no time into a world full of odors, thanks to a secret mask invented by Dr. H. Wettersman, a German biologist.

The latter, according to the weekly, succeeded in tracking down the bodies of dogs a distance which is the material support for their smelling capacities.

The substance, which Dr. Wettersman called "gerusynth," is produced by dogs in very small quantities—a thimbleful a year. When it is applied on a special mask, enables the man on whose nose it is fixed, to register odors as keenly as a dog. —France-Press.

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During the last few days American military and air attaches had visited various oil producing areas, the agency said.

American oil interests were now controlling the production of high quality petrol which was being supplied to the American Air Force, the message said. —Reuter.

Press PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post, South China Sunday Post-Herald, and China Mail Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED

HE DEBUNKS THAT GODIVA RIDE

By J. W. TAYLOR

MR John B. Shelton is City Chamberlain of Coventry, and he has started one of the fiercest controversies the city has known for some time. He says his researches have led him to believe that Lady Godiva never made her famous ride on horseback in the wherewithal at all.

After Coventry basking 900 years in the literary warmth of the Godiva legend, this Shelton broadside has really set the citizens seething. Had they not recently by public vote, caused the city's new residential hotel—the first to be built in Britain since the war—to be named Hotel Leofric after the beloved Godiva's husband? Coventry without the Godiva legend is dead. Why, the city would be bereft, not to say denuded, at such a calamity!

To allow the Shelton bombshell to slumber a little, it would be as well to insert here a historical note. In his "Curiosities of Literature," Disraeli wrote about the Godiva ride: "This anecdote some have suspected to be fictitious from its extreme barbarity, but the character of the Middle Ages will admit of any kind of wanton barbarism."

City Chamberlain Shelton is no mere sensation-monger, but an expert whose views must command attention. For more than 40 years he has probed into the city's history, delving deep into numerous books and ancient documents, and sometimes digging with a spade wherever a historical discovery might be made.

IN NOTTINGHAM

And after long and thoughtful attention to the equestrian journey, which has for so long provided Coventry with a symbol and a legend known throughout the civilised world, the City Chamberlain concludes: "I do not believe that Lady Godiva did ride naked through our streets, or at all."

Mr Shelton does not leave it at that, but states that his researches show that at the time the Danes destroyed Coventry in 1016, Lady Godiva was living in Nottingham and directing the building of the fortifications there. He deems the lady to have then been 26 years of age. Therefore, it being an established fact that she did not go to Coventry till 1042, Mr

Shelton points out that by that time she would have been well over 50 and most unlikely to make the nymph-like appearance on the famous ride attributed to her.

Nor is this all, for there is a further Shelton tilt at the legend. He doesn't believe that Godiva's husband, Leofric, was as bad a man as some people have made him out to be. The evidence available suggests that he was, in fact, a good husband.

"That being so," says Mr Shelton, "I do not believe that a man like Leofric would require his wife to perform the act subscribed to her."

Mr Shelton suggests that the most probable explanation of the legend is the ancient custom of riding round the fields on Rogation Days.

Lady Godiva, however, is not without her equally formidable deeds. Why, the city would be bereft, not to say denuded, at such a calamity!

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£100 CHALLENGE

In his view: "Godiva rides on and on in the hearts of all true Coventrians..."

Far from being apologetic for his Godiva verdict, Mr Shelton rounds off his findings with a £100 challenge in regard to another important part of Coventry's ancient history about which he has long since harboured considerable scepticism. For ages it has been thought that there was a tunnel leading from Coventry to Kenilworth. The City Chamberlain thinks its existence most unlikely. In fact he has offered £100 to anyone who can show him the tunnel.

Now Mr F. E. Player, of Mount Street, Coventry, has stepped into the affray with a bold offer to show Mr Shelton the tunnel and to collect the £100. He claims that it was bricked up by the owner of the Manor about 50 years ago because he was afraid his children would get lost in it.

It is for the City Chamberlain to debunk this. Meanwhile, loyal Godiva fans have gone into a huddle with a view to organising comprehensive research to prove that there is something in the ride that Godiva made with nothing on.



NOW ON TO THE NEXT

STASSEN—THE MAN WITH A DREAM

By Les Armour

TWENTY years ago, the youthful, boyish-faced Attorney for Dakota, County, Minnesota, stepped out his office one morning to find a throng of armed and angry farmers demanding his life.

The young man spoke quietly and precisely. "Go home," he said. "I'll do what I can for you."

They went.

Most of the farmers probably couldn't have explained why they wanted Harold Stassen's life. Still less could they explain why they went home quietly. Except that Harold Stassen isn't the kind of man you can meet face to face and stay angry with for long.

Today, Stassen faces a situation alarmingly like his encounter with the lynch mob in Dakota County.

As the world's first "Minister for Disarmament," his job is, at root, to make the world's statesmen go home quietly and think things over.



Harold Stassen is a man with a dream: long-acknowledged leader of the internationalist wing of the American Republican Party, one of the men who wrote the United Nations Charter, and for the last two years administrator of the U.S. foreign aid programme, he has long believed that the world is too hot a place for national pride. Now he has been appointed Special Assistant to President Eisenhower in charge of disarmament—a cabinet post which makes him the world's first "Peace Minister." The appointment has been greeted with surprise and not a little cynicism. But here is the story of a man who COULD make it work!!!

father fell ill. Two years later he had made enough money to keep the family going while he moved on to the University of Minnesota.

BITTER

Like the Dakota County farmers, who were bitter and angry because they had nowhere to sell their milk, the statesmen probably couldn't tell you just why they want to set the world afire. Above all, none of them could say just why he thinks blowing mankind off the face of the earth with hydrogen bombs is going to help achieve any of his aims.

Nobody thinks Harold Stassen is going to pull any miracles out of the hat. But if he can convince the world that the United States genuinely wants to disarm, it is just possible that some people will go home quietly.

Add he may be just the man to do it.

His father was a Minnesota market gardener of mixed Czech and Norwegian parentage who rose to be three times Mayor of St. Paul. His mother was German.

Stassen himself is a typical product of the American melting pot—the product of the flight to the American mid-West from the pressures and terrors of a battered Europe.

He left school at 14 to take over the family farm when his

There, he worked as a greasemaker at a bakery, a grocery clerk and a Pullman car conductor to keep himself alive while he studied.

GOVERNOR

In between, he found time to organise a Republican group on the campus, and at 23 he was elected County Attorney for Dakota County.

He declared war on vice, virtually eliminated graft and stamped out prostitution.

At 31, he ran for the Governorship of Minnesota. Old-hand politicians in the Democratic ranks laughed. Nobody had ever been Governor of a U.S. State at 31.

But Stassen won by the largest majority ever recorded in the State—290,000.

During the campaign, he insisted on keeping his speeches down to 20 minutes and on shaking the hand of every voter who turned up at his meetings. He proclaimed few startling policies; he promised only honesty. The voters liked it.

In 1940, still only 33, he was floor manager for Wendell

But Stassen reasoned, that a "boy wonder" President wasn't likely to appeal to the public at a time of national crisis.

But Wilkie, during the campaign, promised: "What I start, Harold will complete."

As it happened, Wilkie didn't get elected—and there was something else to complete after Pearl Harbour.

Stassen resigned his Governorship and joined the Navy. He became Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, collected a chestful of medals (mostly for action in the Pacific near the Philippines) and disappeared from the political world.

CONVICTION

When he came back, it was with a new idea, the conviction that "national sovereignty" can no longer serve world interests. But he came back, too, to a new situation where his earlier political promise had been dimmed by years in which other men with other ideas had been rising in the Republican Party.

In 1948, he lost the nomination as a member of the U.S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference at which the U.N. Charter was drawn up. He had convinced him that the U.N. could

But he did not abandon political thought. His experience as a member of the U.S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference at which the U.N. Charter was drawn up had convinced him that the U.N. could

He is not a man you doubt easily, a man you can hate for long. It is possible that even Mr. Macleod will find it a little hard to discern when they meet face to face.

It is just possible that Stassen will do the job.

Nathaniel Gubbins

WHY are you looking so miserable? Haven't you read the good news?

Mr Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has said once again that he hopes the national income will be doubled by 1980.

So if you are 40 years old you can look forward to happy days when you are 65, just in time, maybe, to draw a double old-age pension.

If you are 50, life will begin for you at 75. If you are 60, life will begin at 85. And if you are 75, boy, oh boy, oh boy (or girl, oh girl, oh girl), you will be living in Utopia when you're 100.

When will life begin for Gubbins? Can he look forward to Mr Butler's 1980? Although he has no intention of revealing his great age, he can tell you that he fought without distinction at the Battle of Waterloo. He was hiding under Wellington's horse and fought his way to the rear when things were getting a bit dangerous.

It can now be revealed that it was Gubbins that Queen Victoria said: "We are not amused." Gubbins was trying to be funny even then. He had just asked her a new riddle: "Why did the chicken cross the road?"

It can also be revealed that it was Gubbins who helped

Alfred Lord Tennyson to write "The Charge of the Light Brigade." The day before Tennyson, as Fort Laureate, had just received his yearly barrel of sack. That night Gubbins and Tennyson tapped the barrel and went on a whole of a tender. The next morning the Queen sent a message to say she wanted some heroic stuff written about a shocking blunder in the Crimea. She wanted it quickly, too, because anything that would make a defeat look like a victory was essential to soothe the anger of the mob.

Tennyson had a paralysing hangover. So had Gubbins. But together, groaning at the desk, they turned out what is now recognised as the worst poem written in the English language.

Gubbins could tell you a lot more about his long life, his violent arguments with Gladstone, the passes he made at Mrs Siddons and Lady Langley, but it would be nothing compared to what he is going to tell people in the golden year of 1980.

Then at the age of, let us say, 250, and with the national income doubled, the ancient Gubbins will demand double money for a sparkling column called "Remember. I Remember."

He will demand double money for television interviews in forming people travelling on the rebuilt railways how passengers were choked to death by dust or died miserably of food poisoning on the South-Eastern section of British Railways in 1955. In these interviews he will bore people through half a dozen wars, telling outrageous lies about all of them.

As people will believe anything but the truth the life of Gubbins will become a legend. It will be filmed in colour, three dimensions and on ice. Gladstone and Tennyson on ice will be something new even in 1980.

So clap hands all those who are likely to see this wonderful year and join Gubbins in thanking Mr Butler for his kind and encouraging words.

Shropshire Lad

ONE of the many bees that buzz in my bonnet is the conviction that people would be much happier and healthier, if they knew less about what's going on in the world.

In these enlightened times you can hear more bad news in 15 minutes by turning a radio knob than a man living in an earlier century would have heard in a lifetime. Before tidings of disaster and sinister goings-on in foreign parts were flashed round the globe in seconds, people could live in peaceful ignorance not only of what was happening abroad, but in their own country.

This may be one of the reasons why old Tom Parr, whose life story has been recently re-told, lived to the age of 152.

Old Tom was born in Shropshire in 1483, when Edward IV was on the throne. When he grew up he worked on a farm, living mainly on coarse bread, milk, and whey.

Kings and queens were crowned and died. Henry VIII, bumped off his wives one by one, was fought at Bosworth and in France. Old Tom kept killing the same acres, not caring what happened outside the village.

Up to the age of 78, he was still a bachelor and probably thought of nothing much but turnips and mangold-wurzels, but at the age of 80, he suddenly thought of something else. He married a Miss Jane Taylor.

★

They had two children who died in infancy. Mrs Parr dropped off the hooks some years later, leaving old Tom hale and hearty, still growing things on the land, still contented with his simple diet, undisturbed by affairs of the day and minding his own business.

When he reached the age of 105 in 1588 the Spanish Armada sailed to conquer England.

Fortunately for old Tom, there was no radio to tell him anything about it. No voice from a box announced: "This is the B.B.C. Home Service. Here is the news. The Spanish fleet has been sighted off the coast of Cornwall. Admiral Drake, after a long and bloody battle, has sailed to meet the enemy."

There was no dramatic broadcast from Elizabeth I, calling on all stout-hearted Englishmen to bear arms; no voice from a Prime Minister promising: "nothing but blood, toil, tears and sweat. There was nobody to give old Tom a pike and tell him he was still young enough to join the Home Guard. Somewhere about this time William Shakespeare had written about another war.

"Now all the youth of England is on fire."

Although hardly a youth, old Tom was certainly on fire, but not about the Armada. At the age of 105, and while warning beacons blazed across the face of England, he was on fire about a girl called Katherine Milton, who became the mother of his child.

He did public penance for his sin, married again, at the age of 122, and, untrodden by bad news, might have lived almost for ever if some interfering fool had not carried him off at the age of 152 to be exhibited before Charles I. in London.

There, choked by city smells, worried by sensation-mongers, and fed on rich food, he died with all his organs healthy, according to a report of a post-mortem carried out by Dr Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood.

Letter From A Bird

FROM the correspondence column of "The Animal" (and Bird's) Newspaper, edited by Mr. Gubbins, Esq.

Sir, Mr. attention has been drawn to the published details of a film made of the private lives of woodpeckers by a Mr. Helaz Slemman.

Mr Slemman appears to have taken a great deal of trouble over his work. He cut away a quarter of a trunk of a tree where the woodpeckers had made their home. When artificial lighting had been introduced into the nest a special camera was placed in position and camouflaged. After two years' camera snooping Mr Slemman produced a film lasting 20 minutes, which will be shown to the public.

Writing on behalf of all birds, may I ask if this practice is likely to grow, and what useful purpose can it serve except to pander to idle curiosity?

No doubt Mr Slemman will say that it has been done in the interests of scientific research, but is this in a case for snooping not only on the private lives of all animals and birds but on the private lives of men and women by those interested in human behaviour.

For instance, what is there to prevent an enthusiastic mass observer posing as a gas inspector and rigging a camouflaged, automatically recording camera in some little suburban home? He would call a month or two later to collect his camera and, as nobody has any copyright in his own face, might show to the public a film depicting embarrassing details of the private lives of, let us say, Mr and Mrs Smith.

Just as we shall now have an opportunity of seeing Mr and Mrs Woodpecker at their morning and evening toilet, or eating their meals, so we might see Mr Smith cleaning his teeth and Mrs Smith improving the curves of her figure with artificial aids. We might see Mr Smith eating peas with his knife and Mrs Smith drinking tea from a saucer. We might even see Miss Smith being petted by the boy friend on a sofa in the front parlour.

If a film like this were ever shown there would be questions in Parliament and an outcry in the newspapers. Indignant leading articles would be written about the sacred rights of privacy with reminders that an Englishman's home is his castle.

In all fairness may I plead that a bird also has a right to privacy and that a woodpecker's nest is his castle? As the film took two years to make many unfortunate incidents must have been recorded. Is it too much to hope that, as it is now only 20 minutes long, much that should not be seen by prying eyes has been deleted?

I remain, sir, Yours faithfully, A. Bird. [World Copyright]

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CYCLING NOTES

Charlie Ayson's Going Leaves A Gap That Will Be Hard To Fill

By "N'TACA"

Our Personality of this week is no longer with us, having at last managed to hop a boat for Home and Civilian life.

Charlie Ayson, (the nickname derived from "Charcoal" in respect for his dusky skin), was one of the more prominent members of the REME team, showing up well in both the Time Trial and Massed Start events, and his going left a gap that will be very hard to fill. He was the Team rider par excellence, with the rare ability to subjugate his desires for individual glory to the benefit of his Team-mates.

An experienced Massed Start rider, he was easy to work with, knew exactly how and when to make his efforts and was perhaps the best in the Colony on corners and fast descents.

Joining the Southwark CC in 1949, he immediately plunged into racing, taking part in every event he could, from Track to Cycle-Cross, and in 1953 took third place behind Basil Reeves in the London Centre Cycle-Cross Championship. His entry into Colony cycling came with the Novice Competition of last summer when he quickly showed his ability at the bunched side of the game.

At the commencement of the season proper, he rode for the REME Team which included such stalwarts as Ryalene and Hurford, putting up some first-class performances. One of his unrelenting ambitions in the Colony was the Twisk Hill Climb record, his best time being only eighteen seconds outside the time put up by Butts. Time Trial performances of a 1-3 for the "25" and 2-12 for "50" gave an indication of his all-round capabilities.

PEDALLING HABITS

Charlie was of the Wilkinson class in his position and pedalling habits, seldom using more than a 77 gear in any race, while his training consisted mainly of three runs a week at a fair pace, covering about 60 miles each, on a 71 inch fixed gear. In line with most of our Pedalists, he was a believer in fresh fruit and milk as aids to the Service diet.

International Hockey Series

The following are the fixtures of the Hockey International series:

Ladies' International (Semi-Final): Friday-April 15-5.30 p.m. at Happy Valley, Scotland v England. Umpires: J. B. Gonsalves, C. Crebas.

Saturday-April 16-5.30 p.m. at King's Park, Portugal v Commonwealth. Umpires: "U.S. Dillon, Krishn Lal.

Men's International (Semi-Final): Tuesday-April 19-5.30 p.m. at Kings Park, Ireland v England. Umpires: P. F. Xavier, J. B. Gonsalves.

Wednesday-April 20-5.30 p.m. at Recreo, Portugal v Pakistan. Umpires: Lt. Herberts, C. Crebas.

Umpires are requested to turn up for the above important games and if they are unable to do so, would they please contact Z. A. Abbas at Tel. No. 25667.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

The following are the hockey League fixtures for this Sunday and the following week:

SUNDAY

1st Division

Recreo "B" v R.N. "A" at Recreo Ground 3.30 p.m. (Lt. Roza & Krishn Lal).

2nd Division

Army "C" v Southwark "A" at Southwark 3.30 p.m. (G. T. Palmer & Sgt. Moore).

3rd Division

Nav Bharat "B" v Knights at Southwark 3.30 p.m. (G. S. Grewal & U.S. Dillon).

HKAA "B" v R.N. "B" at Kai Tak 3.30 p.m. (Lt. Roza & Sgt. Davell).

APRIL 24

2nd Division

Southwark "A" v Police at Southwark 11 a.m. (G. T. Palmer & U.S. Dillon).

HKAA "A" v Army "C" at Kai Tak 3.30 p.m. (F/Sgt. Grewal & Sgt. Davell).

3rd Division

K.I.T.C. v Nav Bharat "B" at King's Park 11 a.m. (J. B. Gonsalves & Lt. Roza).

PORTUGAL'S TEAM

The Men's Hockey International match between Portugal and Pakistan scheduled for April 19, will now be played at Recreo on April 20 commencing at 5.30 p.m.

The following have been selected to represent Portugal on that day: F. Soares, A. L. Nery (capt), J. A. Soares, D. Castro, W. A. Reed, P. A. Yvanovich, M. Nunes, R. Colaco, A. A. Remedios Jr., C. A. Gutierrez, L. Gutierrez, R. Soares, Gus Rozario, J. B. Gonsalves, E. Xavier, H. J. Xavier.

HOME RUGGER

London, Apr. 12.

Rugby Results today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bramley 22 Castleford 12

Dewsbury 8 Wakefield 21

Featherstone 20 Huddersfield 19

Keighley 23 Batley 18

RUGBY UNION

Cardiff 6 Northampton 31

Exeter 10 Leicester 81

Newport 14 Barbarians 14

Pontypool 6 London W. 6

—Reuter.

Wolves Lose Vital Points

London, Apr. 12.

Chelsea's chances of winning the English League Football championship for the first time in their history were improved today by the defeat of their nearest rivals, Wolverhampton Wanderers, the holders of the Trophy.

In going down 4-2 at Aston Villa, Wolverhampton lost the advantage of a game they had in hand of Chelsea and still remain five points behind. Chelsea with three more matches to play have 49 points from 39 games and Wolves 44 from 38.

Third placed Portsmouth now appear to have the best chance, slim though it is, of overhauling the leaders. Though six points behind, they have two games in hand.

Wolverhampton have won only one of their last seven league games and are but a shadow of the fine team which beat the crack Continental sides, Spartak and Honved, earlier in the season.

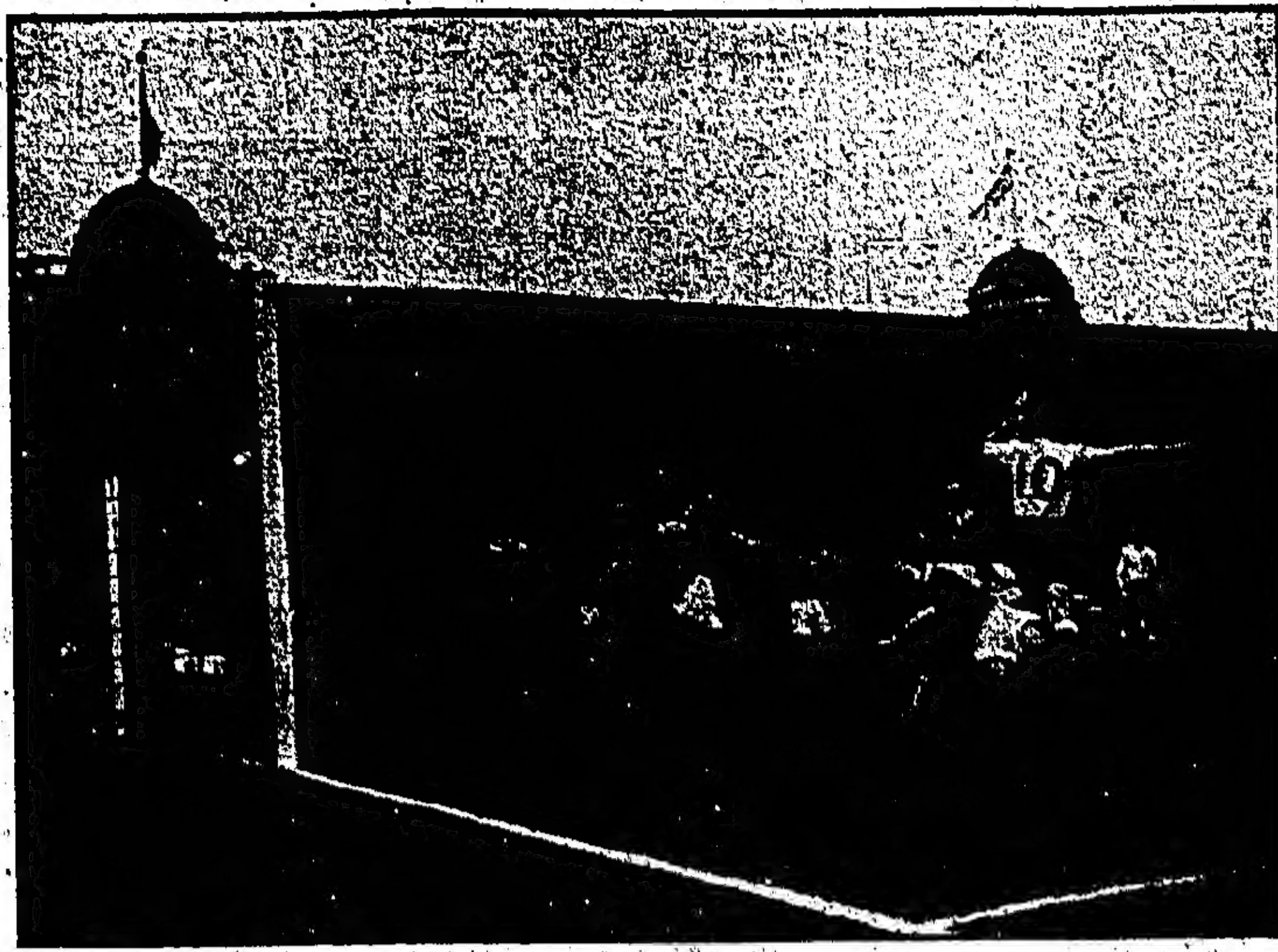
Today, Villa adapted themselves much better to the conditions and fully deserved their

victory which included a hat-trick by inside forward Tommy Thompson.

In the other First Division game, Huddersfield eased their relegation problems by defeating Tottenham 1-0. The win took Huddersfield from third to eighth from the bottom.

Barnsley took over the leadership in the Third Division North when they beat Bradford City 2-0. Barnsley have the same number of points as Accrington but have a better goal average and two games in hand.—Reuter.

PILING ON THE AGONY



England's inside-left Widdow (No. 10) heads his team's fifth goal, from a corner taken by Stanley Matthews, on extreme left of picture, as Scots goalie Martin dashes back, too late. England went on to win the international soccer match at Wembley by 7 goals to 2.—Reuterphoto.

Saturday's Almost Sheer Boredom At Home Soccer Badminton Championships

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Badminton spectators at Club de Recreo last night watching the Colony Junior Championships must have been wondering to themselves whether they were really at a tournament or at the Easter Race Meeting at the Valley.

Four of the six ties scheduled for play were completed by 9.30 p.m. and with two remaining ties left, spectators it was a long, long wait.

It is most unfair to competitors, officials and spectators alike to have to wait for over an hour and then to hear from the tournament officials that they had decided to award walkovers as the players concerned failed to turn up for their match.

All this unnecessary waiting could have been avoided had competitors turned up at least 15 minutes before their game.

Last night's matches turned out to be another disappointment as far as good badminton was concerned. With the exception of the Yong Kuen-Chen - A. C. Delgado encounter the other matches were too unbalanced to provide an evening's entertainment.

Yong beat Delgado after a stern struggle, winning at 15-9, 15-6. New Method's George Ma proved far too superior for Pat Gardner who lost in next to no time at 15-1, 15-3.

In the mixed doubles, M. Kan and Mary Wong breezed through a 15-4, 15-3 victory over Brian Douglass and Mrs. S. McCall to enter the quarter-final.

Stand Of 242 By Walcott And Weekes In Second Test

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Apr. 12.

A big stand of 242 for the third wicket between Clyde Walcott and Everton Weekes enabled the West Indies to total 355 for the loss of five wickets before rain and bad light stopped play half an hour before "stumps" here today, second day of the Second Test against Australia.

The Australian attack was hammered by the famous "W" partnership and by lunch time they had really tamed the bowling, which threatened yesterday to blast the batting to pieces, when the West Indies opening batsmen were dismissed for 40 runs.

It was then that Weekes and Walcott came together and, having added 33 before rain caused an early end to the opening day's play, they resumed in humid heat this morning.

One ten-minute stoppage for rain restricted the pre-dawn batting to 30 minutes, but Walcott and Weekes put on 96 runs in that time. They looked like going right through the afternoon as well but 30 minutes before tea Australia struck blows through their leg spinner, Richie Benaud.

With the first and third balls of his seventh over he got rid of Weekes (139) and Collie Smith (0) so that the scoreboard at tea showed 302/4 compared with 282/2 twenty minutes earlier.

Soon after tea Benaud dismissed Walcott, stumped by Langley, to put half the side out for 323.

Benaud then had figures of seven, two, nineteen, three for the spell.

Figures also best tell of the way Weekes and Walcott battered the bowling.

Weekes hit 139 in 215 minutes, including a six and 22 fours.

Walcott hit 128 in 267 minutes, including 17 fours.

Garfield Sobers, a 19-year-old left-hander, had come in at the fall of the fourth wicket and, despite a nervous start, he gradually settled down and when bad light and rain led to the early close, he was well established with 43 runs to his credit.—Reuter.

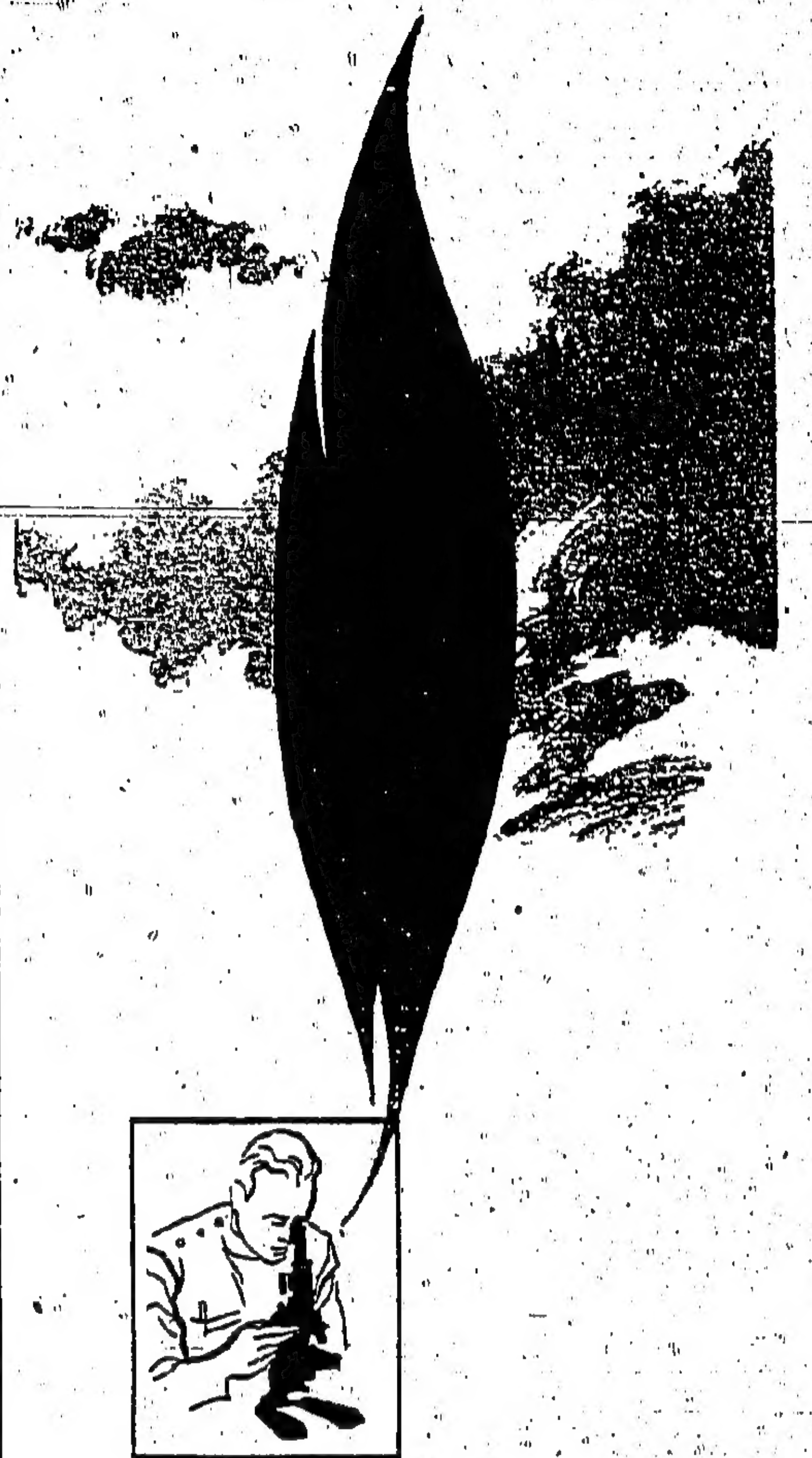
ZATOPEK BEATEN

Paris, Apr. 12.

Czechoslovakia's young athlete Ullsberger defeated Emil Zatopek, the long-distance champion over a 7,500-metre long cross country at Czech-Budweis, Bohemia, last Sunday, the Czech news agency reported today.

Ullsberger covered the distance in cold weather against 49 starters in 22 min. 22.4 sec. with Zatopek second in 22 min. 33.8 sec.—France-Press.

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'Pill Merchants' Abroad On Australian Roads

Melbourne, Apr. 12.

Tired drivers, doped with benzedrine, and eager to make money quickly are racing unsafe lorries (trucks) along Australia's highways.

These "pill merchants" as regular inter-state transport drivers call them, are the latest feature of Australia's road transport boom.

A decision of the Privy Council, the highest Court of the British Commonwealth, started the boom. The Law Lords ruled that State Government efforts to impose restraints on inter-state transport were against the letter of the Australian constitution.

SECTION 92

The constitution, in the controversial Section 92, guarantees free trade between States. The Privy Council decided that the effect of the State Government licensing rules was to restrain trade.

The State Governments had sought to regulate inter-state transport to prevent competition for the Government-owned railways, which are already losing money, and imposed a rigid system of expensive licences and weight checks to keep road transport down.

But the Privy Council, in a judgment last year which surprised State Governments, declared all these controls void. Within a week, hundreds of extra lorries were out on the roads as inter-state shippers rushed to get their cargo carried by the cheaper and more efficient road transport.

In addition to the legitimate inter-state transport firms, many "fly-by-night" lorry owners rushed their vehicles on to the road to make their profit in the new boom. Many of these men, owner-drivers, had lorries which, in the words of one newspaper correspondent, "gave me the shudders."

Describing how these "fly-by-nighters" had to overload and remorselessly keep going, so that they could make money, this correspondent added: "I've seen drivers come dark-jaded and glittering-eyed into roadside eating houses."

"I've heard other drivers say: 'He's a pill merchant. Six quid a ton, he's trucking for and you ought to see his bomb, it's falling apart.'"

"Six quid—26 a ton was the rate some drivers were offering for loads between Sydney and Melbourne. Recognised hauliers, using drivers for reasonable periods at the wheel and making sure that their lorries were safe and not overloaded, were charging £11 a ton.

SPELLS DANGER

The great increase in heavy road traffic spells dangers for other road-users, Australian experts say.

An international authority, Sir Donald Cooper, of the International Road Federation agrees with them. During his recent visit to Australia, he toured thousands of miles of main highways and said that most of the main inter-state routes were too narrow.

He suggested that Australia needed four-lane highways between the capitals to cater for the great amount of long distance traffic.

Sir Donald advised that road users, including the transport firms, should join with the Governments concerned to formulate a 10-year plan to re-organise the main roads to accommodate the increase in traffic.

One reason why road transport firms in Australia can offer such keen competition to railways is the change of gauge which breaks many inter-state railway systems, including the heavily-used Sydney-Melbourne route.

TRANSHIP

This means that at the border town of Albury, railway trucks have to be unloaded and their cargoes re-loaded on other trucks for shipment on another railway system. Loading and unloading adds pounds to the cost of freight.

Railway officials also complain that the railways have heavy capital costs, while road users can run freely between States without having to pay anything for the roads they are using.

State railway chiefs have had several meetings on these problems and are expected to make freight reductions to bring railways into a better competitive position against road transport.

Individual State Governments are drafting laws to establish

some form of licensing, within the framework of the Privy Council decision, which would allow them to collect a payment from the transport firms for wear and tear on the roads.

Newspapers report that road transport firms agree that they should pay something for the use of the roads, although most say that they find the present State proposals unsatisfactory.

Another State move is to require all inter-state lorries to pay registration fees in all the States in which they operate.

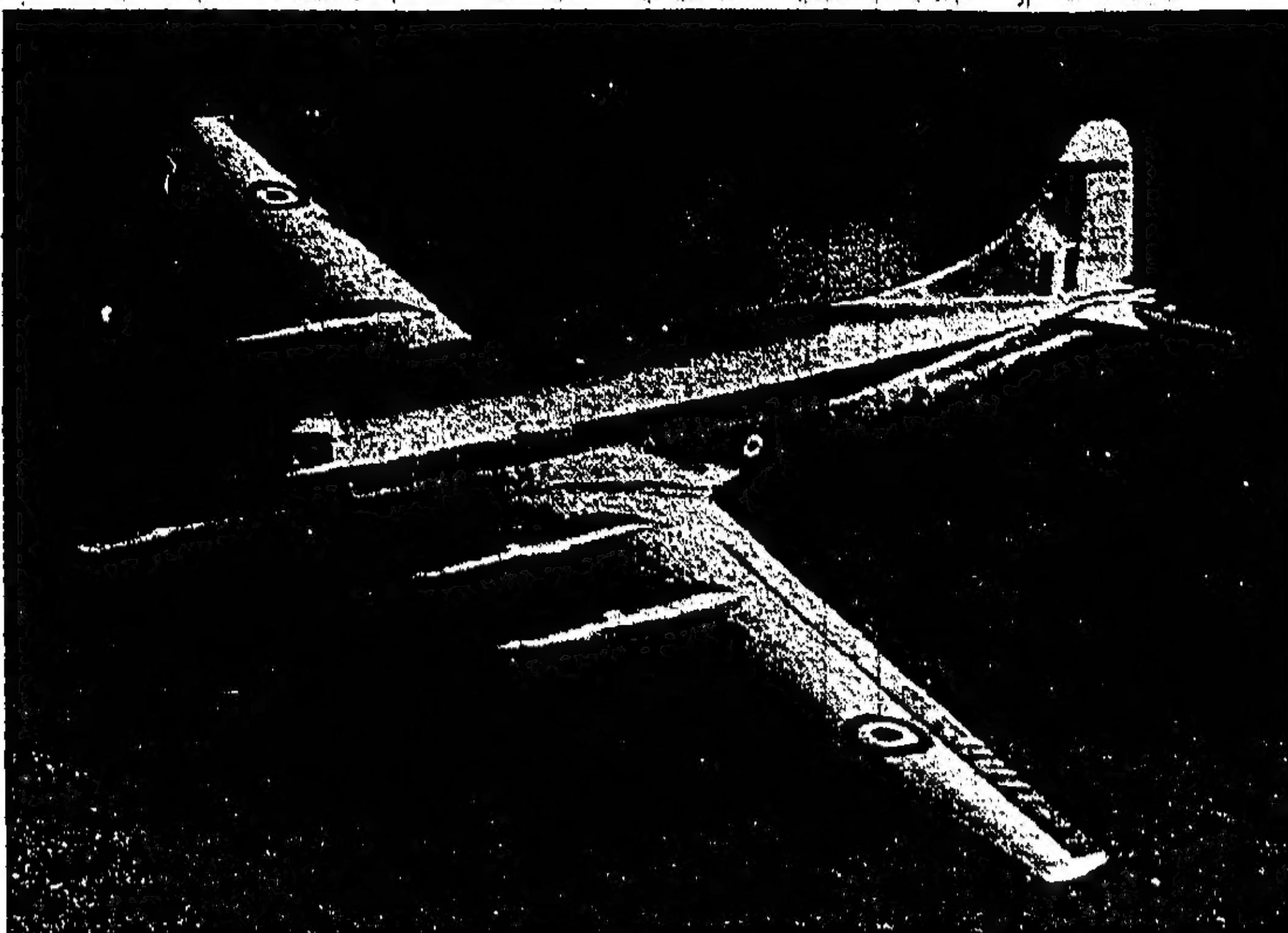
It is likely that the Australian High Court, and possibly the Privy Council again, will test some of these laws before their final form is settled. Impartial experts believe that the thriving inter-state road transport industry will eventually be as important to Australia as it is to the American economy. A healthy road transport industry, they argue, will provide the incentive badly needed here to improve the highway system.

INDUSTRIALISTS HAPPY

Perhaps the happiest people over the road transport boom are Australian industrialists, who need cheap, swift transport to move their goods and raw materials over the hundreds of miles separating Australian cities.

For them, healthy competition with freely competitive inter-state freight rates, is an unexpected blessing. — China Mail Special.

Latest Addition To Queen's Flight



Soldier Who Ran Amok Captured

Turin, Apr. 12.

A soldier who ran amok yesterday, killing two persons in a wild shooting spree in the village of Pontestura, was captured today by a Carabinieri sergeant and handed over to the police authorities.

He is now in gaol in the small town of Camino.

The soldier was still armed with the US-made Garand rifle with which he killed two persons and fatally wounded a third. The sergeant arrested him as he was waiting for a ferry boat to cross the Po River near Camino.

The soldier started running but came to a stop when the Carabinieri fired two pistol shots in the air. For some strange reason, the soldier did not use his rifle but held out his wrists to be handcuffed. — Reuter photo.

The latest addition to the Queen's Flight, the famous Royal Air Force unit responsible for Royal travel by air, is this executive version of the Heron Series 2, by de Havilland.

Equipped to carry six passengers and a crew of three, it will replace one of the Vickers Vikings of the Royal Flight at Benson in Oxfordshire. Radio equipment and navigation aids installed in this Heron are exceptionally comprehensive, and the aircraft is fitted with flashing navigation lights, Graviner fire warning and extinguishing equipment in all engine nacelles. Two five-seat dinghies are carried and comprehensive de-icing equipment is installed. Acrofoil leading edges are fitted with rubber over-shoes working on the "pulling boot" system, while the propellers and windscreen are provided with fluid de-icing. — Reuter photo.

PAKISTAN ORDERS V.I.P. VISCOUNT

Titanium Production Being Stepped Up In Great Britain

Vickers-Armstrongs announce that an order has been placed by the Pakistan Government, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor-General of Pakistan, for one Vickers Viscount airliner. This brings the total number of Viscounts ordered to 180.

The order is for a V.I.P. version of the Viscount—the second of its kind. The Government of India has already ordered a V.I.P. Viscount, to be operated by the Indian Air Force.

Accommodation in the Viscount for Pakistan will be provided in three separate saloons. The forward V.I.P. saloon, or rest-room, will be equipped with two divan beds, two facing chairs and side tables. A clock, telephone, call buttons and cooling fans will also be provided, as well as indicators for cabin altitude, aircraft altitude, and airspeed.

SEAT SIXTEEN

In the central V.I.P. saloon there will be four-abreast seating for sixteen in four air-facing and twelve forward-facing chairs, with a pullman table between the first and second rows. This saloon will also have clock, telephone, call buttons and cooling fans and the same instruments as in the forward rest-room.

The rear saloon will comprise the servants' quarters, with six seats. Behind this will be a toilet, and a galley with a cooker and refrigerator. Forward of the rest-room will be another toilet and a wardrobe compartment.

An interesting feature of the V.I.P. Viscount for Pakistan, (Type number 734) as with the one for India, is that it will carry full navigational equipment, including a Kelvin and Hughes periscope drift sight, Rebecca Mark 4 periscope sextant, air position indicator,

elapsed time clock, radio compass and compass repeater.

British European Airways will probably carry its half-millionth Viscount passenger today. This figure is an indication of the immense popularity which the turbo-prop Vickers airliner has enjoyed with passengers since it first went into service. The result of its popularity, and of the passenger appeal of the Ambassador, showed in a B.E.A. load factor last year which was the highest in the airline's history at 88.1 per cent. Simultaneously B.E.A.'s costs dropped to the lowest figure since it started work, at 42.9 pence per capacity-ton mile, 10 per cent less than in 1953.

On April 17, Viscounts will begin flying between London and Edinburgh putting the two city airports less than 100 minutes apart. Glasgow, Belfast, and Corries will also have new Viscount services this summer. New Rolls-Royce Dart 508 engines are replacing an earlier model, increasing cruising speed by 19 m.p.h. to 320 m.p.h. and its maximum take-off weight by 3,000 lb to 60,000 lb.

In 1955 and 1956 more than one-third of all the large twin- and four-engine transport aircraft delivered in the United States will be British. They will be a fleet of about 50 Viscounts, out of 60 ordered for Capital Airlines.

TITANIUM PRODUCTION

British plans for the production of titanium, the metal which bids fair to revolutionise aeronautical design because of its great strength and low weight, will be ready for full-scale operation in July this year.

The plant has been specially built by the General Chemicals and Metal Divisions of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., to handle up to 1,500 tons of raw titanium annually.

Titanium is one of the most abundant metals found in the earth's crust, where it is available as titanium oxide. For example, it is 50 times more common than copper. It was first recognised as a metal 165 years ago by an English clergyman, The Reverend William Gregor.

Supplies did not become available commercially until 1952, when it first became possible to establish manufacturing techniques. The great interest shown by designers in the metal since then is based on its novel properties.

Titanium is roughly equal to stainless steel in strength, although it weighs little more than half as much. For many purposes it resists corrosion even better, and this is particularly important in the design of high speed aircraft.

Because it is a relatively new metal, techniques for processing it have not yet been perfected, and the many difficulties involved make it expensive. But if a modern fighter is designed from the outset making full use of the metal, savings of up to 1,500 lb in the total structure weight may be achieved.

At speeds of more than 1,000 m.p.h., when the heating problems on an aircraft's skin become acute due to friction with the air, the high upper temperature limit—500°C—of the new metal means that it will be widely used. Some of its applications, to name only a few, are for gas turbine compressor blades, engine cowings, exhausts, wing leading edges, and fire walls. As aircraft flying in the supersonic speed range are built in ever increasing numbers, so the demand for titanium will rise. Manufacturing costs will be reduced as production increases, and present techniques are improved.

COMPETITION

Advertising stunts are always interesting, particularly if there is money to be won. TWA have thought up a rather novel contest, which they have labelled "Cosmic Contest." There are two sections, one to be won now and the other in 1955. The first part requires 30 words or less to be added to "Flying is the way to travel, and TWA is the way to fly because..." Prizes range from US\$30,000 to US\$250. The 1955 part of the stunt (also worth US\$50,000), is a peek into the future. TWA want to know in 200 words what air travel will be like 20 years from now.

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